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SUBJECT: COCOM LIST REVIEW - ROUND III SCHEDULING

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SUMMARY. IN DISCUSSION ON APRIL 8, CANADIAN AND UK DELS AGREED TO US PROPOSAL TO START ROUND III ON JUNE 2. OTHER DELS, WHILE NON-COMMITTAL ON DATE, CONTINUED TO FAVOR STARTING ROUND III BEFORE SUMMER RECESS. ONLY EXCEPTIONS WERE GERMAN AND NETHERLANDS DELS, WHO PREFERRED HAVING IT LATER. MATTER IS RESCHEDULED FOR APRIL 15 SO THAT GERMANS AND DUTCH CAN SEEK NEW INSTRUCTIONS. END SUMMARY

1. USDEL APPRECIATES HELPFUL AND TIMELY INSTRUCTIONS IN REFTTEL, WHICH GENERATED CONSIDERABLE SYMPATHY DURING DISCUSSION AT APRIL 8 COCOM MEETING. CANADIAN AND UK DELS SPECIFICALLY AGREED TO US PROPOSAL FOR JUNE 2 AND--EXCEPT FOR GERMAN AND DUTCH--ALL OTHER DELS ALSO DESIRED ROUND III BEFORE SUMMER RECESS.

2. GERMAN DEL HAD INSTRUCTIONS TO PROPOSE START OF ROUND III IN MID-SEPTEMBER, SINCE IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR EXPERTS TO CONSIDER PENDING ISSUES IN ADEQUATE DEPTH BEFORE THEN. DUTCH DEL RECALLED HIS COMMENTS PRIOR TO
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ROUND II, WHICH WARNED COMMITTEE OF ADVERSE EFFECTS ON

LR DISCUSSIONS IF COUNTERPROPOSALS WERE NOT CIRCULATED FAR ENOUGH IN ADVANCE OF SCHEDULED DATES TO PERMIT ANALYSIS IN CAPITALS. THE SITUATION IN ROUND II SO FAR PERMITTED THE DUTCH NOW TO SAY "WE TOLD YOU SO." DUTCH AUTHORITIES FELT THIS SAME PROBLEM WOULD ARISE IF ROUND III WERE SCHEDULED TOO SOON AND THEREFORE HE HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO EXPRESS THEIR STRONG FEELING IN FAVOR OF LR III AFTER THE SUMMER RECESS.

3. WHILE DISCLAIMING ANY COMMITMENT, USDEL MENTIONED REVIEW HE HAD REQUESTED WASHINGTON TEAM EXPERTS TO MAKE TO ASSIST HIM IN ASSESSING LIKELY SHAPE OF ROUND III. IT APPEARED THAT TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS, INVOLVING EXPERTS, WOULD BE NECESSARY FOR ONLY FIFTEEN OR SO OF THE 1500-SERIES (OR RELATED) ITEMS, AND, FROM HIS OWN HASTY REVIEW, ONLY SIX OR SO ITEMS OF THE OTHER SERIES WERE LIKELY TO REQUIRE ADDITIONAL TECHNICAL DISCUSSION. THE BALANCE OF THE PENDING ITEMS MIGHT WELL BE RESOLVED BETWEEN THE ROUNDS OR DEALT WITH EXPEDITIOUSLY IN ROUND III. MUCH, OF COURSE, DEPENDED ON THE CONTENT AND TIMING OF THE SEVERAL COUNTERPROPOSALS OR REVISIONS WHICH STILL HAD TO BE CIRCULATED. (FYI: BOIDOCK AND MEYERS - AGAIN WITHOUT COMMITMENT - SUGGESTED THAT TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS WOULD PROBABLY BE REQUIRED ON IL 1500 NI 1 AND 2, 1517, 1529, 1537, 1544/45/64, AND 1355/1204. IF US IS FINALLY ABLE TO MAKE COUNTERPROPOSALS, TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS ON 1541/84 WILL BE REQUIRED, AND, DEPENDING ON WHAT HAPPENS LATER IN ROUND II, CONTINUATION OF TALKS ON 1572 MAY ALSO REQUIRE EXPERTS. WITHOUT GOING INTO DETAILED REVIEW, IT APPEARED TO USDEL THAT FURTHER TECHNICAL DISCUSSION ON IL 1016, 1568 (B), 1091, ML 20, 1362, 1757 AND 1754 WOULD BE NECESSARY. END FYI).

4. OTHER DELEGATIONS AGREED IN GENERAL WITH THIS ASSESSMENT AND UK SUGGESTED POSSIBLE NEED FOR A ROUND IV FOR PARTICULARLY DIFFICULT ITEMS ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT

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PROMULGATION OF OTHER ITEM CHANGES AGREED IN FIRST
THREE ROUNDS WOULD BE MADE IN EARLY FALL. NO ONE
COUNTERED THIS SUGGESTION.

5. FRENCH DEL SAID THAT WHILE THE IDEA OF A SHORT
ROUND III WAS TEMPTING, IT WOULD BE BEST NOT TO TRY TO
RUSH THINGS TOO MUCH. THERE WAS GENERAL NODDING OF
HEAD WHEN HE SUGGESTED ROUND III CONSIST OF AT LEAST 4,
AND PERHAPS EVEN SIX WEEKS. CONSENSUS SEEMED TO DEVE-
LOP FOR A ROUND III RUNNING BETWEEN JUNE 2 (OR 9) AND
JULY 10.

6. CHAIRMAN SCHEDULED THE MATTER AGAIN FOR APRIL 15 SO
DUTCH AND GERMANS COULD SEEK NEW INSTRUCTIONS IN LIGHT
OF APRIL 8 VIEWS OF OTHER DELS.

7. LATER IN AFTERNOON DUTCH DEL TECHNICAL EXPERT BRIET
BROACHED TO WASH TEAM MEMBERS THE IDEA OF A TWO-PHASE
ROUND III: ONE IN JUNE TO DISCUSS THOSE "EASY ITEMS"
WHICH WOULD NOT REQUIRE TECHNICAL EXPERTS, AND ONE AFTER
THE SUMMER RECESS TO DISCUSS THOSE "DIFFICULT ITEMS"
WHICH WOULD REQUIRE EXPERTS. THE DUTCH HAD INDEPENDENT-
LY PREPARED A LIST SIMILAR TO THAT IN PARA 3, WHICH
LARGELY COINCIDED WITH OURS. THE DUTCH LIST ALSO IN-
CLUDED ITEMS 1519 AND 1520, HOWEVER.

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8. ACTION REQUESTED: A. EARLIEST POSSIBLE FORMULATION
OF NECESSARY US COUNTERPROPOSALS FOR IL 1091 AND OTHER
1000 SERIES ITEMS, AND REVISION OR CONFIRMATION OF IL
1355 PROPOSAL.

B. CONTINGENCY GUIDANCE FOR USE BY USDEL SHOULD THE
DUTCH PROPOSE (AS SEEMS LIKELY) A TWO-STAGE ROUND III
WHEN SCHEDULING IS AGAIN DISCUSSED ON APRIL 15.

C. CONFIRMATION OR CORRECTION OF LIST IN FYI PORTION,
PARA .3, AND EARLY TRANSMISSION OF GUIDANCE TO USDEL FOR
SEQUENCE DESIRED BY US FOR SCHEDULING OF ITEMS WITHIN
ROUND III.

D. EWT CONSULTATION WITH PER TO SECURE EARLIEST POSSI-
BLE ARRIVAL OF COMRAS, REPLACEMENT FOR TOWNSEND AS
ASSISTANT USDEL.
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